

# S O M A

T H E B O D Y O F C H R I S T

## FOR TODAY

### TODAY'S TAKEAWAY

The church is not the building.  
The church is the people.  
The people are parts of a body.

**And every part has a purpose.**

### TODAY'S PASSAGES

#### 1 Corinthians 12:27-28

Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. And God has placed in the church first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, of helping, of administration, and of different kinds of languages.

#### Ephesians 4:11

Christ himself gave to the church, apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers, to equip the church for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up.

#### Romans 12:4-8

For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy, if it is leading, then lead; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

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#### 1 Corinthians 12:7-11

Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

### FOR NOTES

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## 1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-28

Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.

Now if the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. If they were all one part, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, but one body.

The eye cannot say to the hand, “I don’t need you!” And the head cannot say to the feet, “I don’t need you!” On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.

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# YOU HAVE GIFTS!

Though you might call it by a different name, which of the gifts below do you already see at work in your life? Check as many boxes that apply to you. Don't over-spiritualize or overthink it. Just pick any of the items that most clearly describe who you are.

When you're finished, tuck it away in a safe place to bring back with you next Sunday.

## Apostle

A messenger— one who is gifted with the desire to do something that has never been done before.

## Prophet

One who is gifted to speak forth by the inspiration of God.

## Evangelist

One who is gifted with the ability to share good news with others.

## Pastor

One who is gifted with the ability to shepherd, feed, and protect a flock of people.

## Teacher

One who is gifted with the ability to instruct others based on their mastery in their field of learning

## Administrator

One who is gifted with the ability to steer, govern, and administrate.

## Leader

One who is gifted with the ability to rally and lead groups of people.

## Encourager

One who is gifted with the ability to reach out to, encourage, and console others.

## Giver

One who is gifted with the ability to share their surplus with those in need.

## Miracle Worker

One who is gifted with physical power and extra energy.

## Healer

One who is gifted with the ability to heal and prescribe remedies.

## Mercy

One who is gifted with the ability to have special pity or mercy on others that others have written off completely.

## Helper

One who is gifted with the ability to aid and assist with just about anything.

## Languages

One who is gifted with the ability to speak more than one language.

## Words Of Wisdom

One who is gifted with the ability to share wisdom, gained by experience with others.

## Words Of Knowledge

One who is gifted with the ability to share knowledge about something that they are already familiar with.

## Discerning Of Spirits

One who is gifted with the ability to sense who a person really is, regardless of their outer appearance.

## Faith

One who is gifted with the ability to have faith in situations and experiences where others do not.